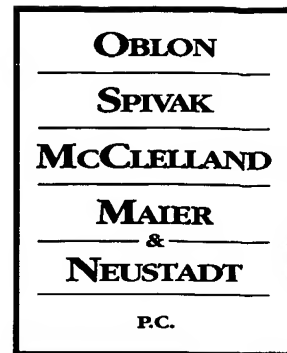




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/622,695  
Applicants: Takahiro KASE, et al.  
Filing Date: July 21, 2003  
For: DIRECTIONAL GROUND RELAY SYSTEM  
Group Art Unit: 2836  
Examiner: DEMAKIS, JAMES A

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reason for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of May 18, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed May 18, 2006, paragraph 2 states in part:


The above claims are allowable because the prior art of record fails to disclose, in combination with the other claim limitations; a directional ground relay configured to determine the direction of a fault in a three-phase power transmission line, using a plurality of voltage and current values from the power transmission line, in a zero-phase sequential circuit calculation unit to calculate a zero-phase sequential current based upon the current detected from the power transmission line, and a phase-comparison unit configured to compare the phase of the zero-phase sequential current to the phase of any phase voltage and determine if the zero-phase sequential current is within a predetermined range and to output the phase of the voltage in which a forward ground fault has occurred.

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Although the above comment may be accurate with respect to independent Claims 1 and 4, it is respectfully noted that independent Claims 3 and 6 do not include all of the elements recited above. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above-quoted statement applies at most to Claims 1 and 4 (and Claims 2 and 5 dependent therefrom) and not to Claims 3, 6, and 7.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST TO CORRECT ALLOWED CLAIMS**

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SIR:

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, we hereby request  
correction of your records to reflect the correct allowed claims.

The allowed claims should be: 1-7.

Respectfully Submitted,

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